

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph no. 17 (bridging pages 8 and 9) and replace with the following amended paragraph.

[Means for Solving the Problems]

The invention described in the first aspect is characterized in that: in a play back apparatus in which, according to a play back command from an operation section, the PCM audio data is generated from the compression data in which the audio information is coded, and the audio is played back according to the PCM audio data, the play back apparatus comprises: a control section for conducting the control of each section of the apparatus according to each kind of commands from an operation section; a compression decoder for decode processing the compression data, generating the PCM audio data, and successively outputting it; the first storage section for successively renewing the temporarily stored data successively generated according to the PCM audio data and temporarily storing it, and appropriately repeatedly reading out the temporarily stored data which is temporarily stored, and successively outputting it; and a switching section for selecting either one of the PCM audio data successively outputted from the compression decoder or the temporarily stored data stored in the first storage section, and outputting it, wherein, when a quick traverse play back command or quick returning play back command is given by the operation section, (1) the control section controls the switching section and selectively outputs the temporarily stored data stored in the first storage section and (2) the

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switch section outputs a special audio data, wherein the special audio data is an imitation sound into which the quick traverse play-back of the audio information is converted.

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Further, the invention of the second aspect is characterized in that, in the play back apparatus described in the first aspect, the temporarily stored data includes the PCM audio data to play back the special audio data in which the quick traverse play back sound or the quick returning play back sound of the audio information is converted into an imitation sound.